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Dear Mom & Dad,

We've enjoyed being at home after our busy 2 week trip. Last week was very nice with clear, dry weather. We drove up to the mountains and hiked along the Appalachian trail. This week has been hot and smoggy although today was very nice. We played a lot of tennis and had a good time. We still think about our tour and how much we got out of it. Perhaps you read about the Egypt air flight that was hijacked between Cairo and Luxor. We were on the same flight just a week earlier. Fortunately no one was injured. We noticed at the time that the Egyptians make no security checks and don't even collect boarding passes. The plane just leaves when it is full. Well now we are safe and sound and already planning new travels. We are visiting our friends in

Chicago on Labor Day weekend. I'm going to Argonne National Lab on Tuesday so my trip is paid for. Then I will go to California for a week.

Of course, we are excited about your coming out in October. I hope the drive to New Orleans sounds like fun. We plan to leave the morning of Saturday, October 16 and get to New Orleans sometime on Tuesday, October 19. So there is plenty of time to see the sights and go through Tennessee and other places. My conference is Wed, Thur, and Fri but I'll probably skip Friday. Then we will start back on Saturday, October 23. The next Monday is a holiday. Now what we want is for you to come as early as possible and stay as long as possible. We are very flexible and can adjust

to any schedule that you make.

Yesterday there was an antique sale at the shopping center which we only glanced at. They were selling life magazines like those in the storage room for \$2 & \$3 a piece. And old postcards were 50¢ each! I haven't had much time to pursue my hobbies but expect to start again in the Fall.

Our friend Murray is finishing his temporary job in Miami but is planning to open a law office after a vacation and when his unemployment benefits stop. He has been doing very well with some personal injury cases and arranging quickie divorces.

Hope Mary & Mike are doing fine. We thought we might see them here in September but maybe it's not possible -

Love Jim & Vickie